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"TO BE OR NOT TO BE"

In publishing this issue of "The Trail" the Council is assuming that the alumni still desire to receive the magazine. This assumption is based on the opinion of a relatively small number of members, some of whom indeed expressed their willingness to pay a larger membership fee if that would stave off discontinuance. An increase in the fee is quite unnecessary if only the "sleeping partners" in the firm would wake up and support those who are consistently contributing—in some cases not only money, but valuable advice and time. The assistance of only *half* of the 1700-odd members would enable the Council to "push this old crock clear over the Rockies," to use Gordon Kidd's pungent phrase.

It really is time the Association stopped "leaning" and stood firmly on its own feet. Surely the spirit that put the Memorial Organ into Convocation Hall is not entirely dead! Can it not be fanned into a small but *steady* flame?

NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

Under the capable management of "Red" McColl and his associates the Edmonton branch held a very successful bridge on February 23. Your scribe was unable to be present, but all reports indicate that "a very pleasant time was had."

I can best summarise the activities of the Calgary organization by quoting Valentine Milvain, the secretary: "We were particularly pleased with Mr. Corbett's address, which was one of the best and most amusing of its kind that I have heard. He gave us some general idea of the work of the extension department and some of his own experiences in carrying it out. He also indulged in a little campus gossip which proved both instructive and entertaining. I have not much news of Calgary alumni. A. W. Hobbs, '28, '30, who last year was secretary of our Branch, co-operated with Max Peacock, a young lawyer here, in defeating the debating team touring under the auspices of the National Federation (N.F.C.U.S.). I do not know whether you heard that one of our members, John A. Morrison, '27, was married last summer, and is at present living in the Drake Apartments (No. 23). He practises law on his own at 915 Lancaster Building. Another member, W. B. Cromarty, '25, '27, who also was married last summer, is living at 311 Scarboro, and is practising law in partnership with Manley Edwards, '22. Another item of news is that the Annual Ball put on by this Branch every year between Christmas and New Year went over as a great success, both as a social and financial venture."

A brief communication from Tom Hamilton, '30, President of the Lethbridge Branch, states that their new secretary is Kathleen Terrill, '21, 5 Connaught Mansions, and that the members hope to foregather again soon.

We shall hope to hear from the other branches before the next (?) issue!

P.S.—I had a pleasant chat with Stan Barker, '26, secretary of the Vancouver Branch, at the theatre two

nights ago. He told me that they had a very enjoyable supper dance in the grill room of the Hotel Vancouver recently; and that Bob Tait, the president, was on his feet again after an illness.

THE ENCLOSURE

Members in good standing will please ignore the bill for fees enclosed herewith. There would otherwise be considerable expense involved in sorting.

ALUMNI NOTES

1912-1920

My information regarding the old-timers is limited to three new addresses, viz.: W. S. McDonald, '15, 110 Brighton Avenue, Ottawa; W. B. Poaps, '16, Hardisty, Alberta (from the telephone directory!); and (Rev.) Bill Sykes, '17, '20, 14 Woodlands Todmorden, Lancs, England. A letter from F. R. Riley, '16, Big Valley, Alberta, contains only one sentence, but that sentence leaves no doubt as to *his* desire to support The Trail.

1921-1926

I think that F. A. Rudd, '23, '25, expresses a widely-held opinion when he says that "unless The Trail can be placed on a self-sustaining basis a further deficit through its publication should not be incurred. . . . It has always been my opinion that the Association should keep in as close and frequent touch with its alumni as possible. . . . I should like to see a monthly bulletin . . . but if this frequency is not feasible, at least an issue every two months should be the aim. . . . With all due respect to the former Trail and its hardworked staff, I think a more frequent issue of a bulletin nature would do much more to secure that co-operation between the Association and its alumni which is so necessary."

I may be wrong, but it seems to me that such letters should come in by the score, at least, instead of singly! By the way, Bert's address is 533 13th St. S., Lethbridge.

This is the legend on a modest card which came along recently: "Dr. *Barnett Lipson* ('24) announces the removal of his offices to 304 Wilshire Medical Bldg., 1930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California." Welcome back to the family circle, Doc! Another note in my sheaf indicates that *Mervyn Tuck*, also '24, is in newspaper work in Los Angeles; who will furnish the rest of his address? On Jan. 12 I had a pleasant chat with *E. C. Stacey*, '24, '27, who was in town from Beaverlodge for National Research Council committee meetings. He reported all quiet on the northern front and considered the Christmas bulletin a disgrace. I concurred—that's one reason why we're printing this one! Early in January *Lesley Heathcote's* regular missive (with the regular enclosure!) came along, and then, right on its heels, another. Evidently the bulletin was the cause: "I wonder if those of you who live in Alberta know what it means to us who are in distant places to receive *The Trail*. A trail it is passing by the door of each alumnus and alumna gathering in news and views and carrying them along to others. Perhaps the staff of *The Trail* do not realize how much their work is appreciated; but it's the way of the world to become audible when displeased and to maintain silence when satisfied. . . . By all means let us keep our Trail." I'm afraid we are human enough to need some such stimulus to the old morale—here's hoping there are others who feel the same as Lesley—whose address incidentally is Apt. 3, 1119 E. 43 St., Seattle, Washington. *G. M. Lewis*, '25, writes as follows to *Wallace Niewchase*, '31, from 200 W. 59 St., New York City: "Two months ago I had a group of former Alberta men in the office for a reunion. Those present were *Doctors C. (Jitney) Banks*, '21, *Milton Lloyd*, *Carlton Lee*, '25, *J. K. McDonald*, and *Don Currie*, '25, '28. *Chas Charlesworth*, '22, *Archie Macaulay*, '22, and *George Bradley*, '28, were unable to attend; nor was *Nat Flater*, '27, who is practising in Albany. We plan to have a get-together once a year at least." The rest of us will be on the look-out, George. Would it be possible to pass round a sheet of paper, at such times, for names and addresses? That would enable me to keep my records up to date. A week or two ago I had a few minutes' pleasant chat with *Dorothy Smith Mather*, '25, who is temporarily in Edmonton, while *Tom*, '22, '25, is literally flying about Western Canada. He is employed by the C.M.S. Co. of Trail, B.C., on their fertilizer project. *Donald Bryden*, '26, a staunch supporter, is with the Winnipeg Hydro Electric System, 55 Princess St., Winnipeg, or may be addressed at 36 Alloway Ave. Of *George Salt*, '24, I have this news from *R. W. Salt*, '30, Dept. of Entomology, Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana: "My brother *George* (D.Sc., Harvard '26) is now at Caius College, Cambridge, England." The directory issue showed an Edmonton address for *Neil Primrose*, '26, hence I shall note here that he is practising at Vegreville, Alberta. A note from 8 Belvedere Apts., Calgary, arrives just in time to "make" this column; it is from Mrs. *J. D. Williams* (nee *Jean Auger*), '26, and is an intimation of the change of name.

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My morale, esprit de corps, or what you will, went up with a bound the other day, the reason being a epistle from that sound fella, *Walter Herbert*, '23, '26. I must not quote his most friendly personal words that did the trick—except perhaps this one sentence: "Faced with the conditions you were, the average executive would have chucked the job entirely." I hope the chucking can be indefinitely postponed! To quote further: "We *Herberts* have been exceedingly happy in our own little circle. The New One has been a source of endless joy to us; she has a disposition reflecting more gaiety than Ten Thousand Spring Mornings. . . . The *Waldos* and *Herberts* keep in touch constantly, but we don't see much of the others. We see the *Devlins* occasionally. Last week I saw *Keith*

Muir, '23, '26, for a moment—I imagine he is on the Civic Auditorium job here. *Andy Cairns*, '23, is now with the Empire Marketing Board (2 Queen Anne's Gate Building, London S.W. 1). The latest news from him indicated that he intends to go to Russia in April, for a three month's visit. He and Mrs. Cairns can now talk enough Russian not to get a stone when they ask for a piece of bread! . . . *Matt Halton*, '29, is now with the Toronto Star (43 Rushbrooke Ave.). He is leading the dizzy life of a star reporter and likes it. *Anton Bures*, '24, is in Winnipeg now, with the Monarch Life, I believe. They (*Anton* and *Dorothy*, nee *McLean*, '24) are living at Suite 9 Martello Apts. In your directory you label *Ross Cooper*, '26, "address unknown." He has been interning at the General Hospital here for a couple of years. *Silver Dowding*, '23, '24, has a new address, 143 Canora St. She's back with Dr. Buller now doing research work on fungi. *George Ferguson* is news editor of the Manitoba Free Press. *Bill Hanna*, '22, '23, is at Yale, on a scholarship. *Jack Howe*, '25, is principal of an agricultural college at Kingston, Jamaica. *Lawrence Kindt*, '27, is with the Agricultural Economics Branch, Ottawa, although he has been spending some time on a sheep survey around Nanton, Alberta. *Bruce Macdonald*, '24, '26, is solicitor for the city of Windsor, Ontario. *Clarence Philp*, '27, can be reached at 97 Spencer Ave., Toronto. The *Jack Allen* of Winnipeg who was recently reported in the press as having shot holes in a Greek restaurant keeper in Toronto was *not* the *Jack Allen*, '29, who is a member of the Winnipeg Branch of the U. of A. Alumni Association! . . . Dr. *Tory* was in Winnipeg some weeks ago. He seems thoroughly absorbed in the work at Ottawa, and spoke enthusiastically of the things which were being accomplished. . . . Warmest regards.—*Walter*."

Besides expressing the hope that another issue of *The Trail* can be published, this alumnus makes a notable contribution to the present one. "Faith without works is dead"—surely there are some more live ones!

The Trail is also indebted to *Reg Hamilton*, '27, '31, who is holding a Tegler Research Scholarship in the Department of Biochemistry here, for the following valuable notes: *Ivar Lefsrud*, '28, '31, has left the Department of Public Health to take a senior internship in the Saskatoon General Hospital; other meds are holding internships in the persons of *Roy Schwarzman*, '31, at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, *R. K. Brynildsen*, '30, and *Douglas Emery*, '31, at Vancouver General; *Martin Burris*, '31, and *Bruce Brown*, '27, at Toronto Western (*Bruce* having taken his M.D. at Toronto). At the U. of A. Hospital are *Ken Thomson*, *Lawrence Kickham*, *Tommy Melling*, *Carleton Taylor*, *Chaim Weinlos*, *William Bramley-Moore*, *Frank Rosher* (all 1931), *Keith McLean*, '30, and *Fergus Johnson*, '30, while the following are at the Royal Alex: *Gordon Johnson*, '30 (Asst. Superintendent), *Ed. Wright*, '27 (M.D. McGill), *G. G. Brearley*, '30 (also on U. of A. staff in Physiology), *Eric Richardson*, '31, *Malcolm McCallum*, '26, '31, and *Wallace Niewchase*, '31. *Don McPherson*, '29, and *Will Cassels*, '28, are staff members at the Provincial Mental Hospital, Ponoka, and *Len Cockle*, '29 (who spent last year in P.G. at the Royal Victoria, Montreal) is in general practice at Trail, B.C. *Randall MacLean*, '27, has returned after two years P.G. in mental treatments at the Boston Psychopathic Hospital, the London National Hospital for nervous diseases and the University of Zurich psychiatric clinic; he is now on the staff at Ponoka.

Lyall Valens, '30, formerly of the Boston Psychopathic, but now of the Provincial Mental Institute at Oliver, saw quite a number of alumni on his way back. Here they are: *Wallace Foster*, '30 (general practice), 13859 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, Detroit; *Anna Wilson*, '26, '30, and *Jimmy Calder*, '30, Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto; *Clifford Skitch*, '26, '30, Ste. Anne de Bellevue (Mental) Hospital, Verdun, P.Q.; *Jack Gerrie*, '24, '27, *John MacGregor*, '26, '30, and *Ernie Watt*, '26, '30 (special course in

anaesthetics) at the Montreal General Hospital; *Al Borrowman*, '30, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal; *Russell Kutz*, '26, '28, and *R. U. Harwood*, '27, '28, in the Department of Biochemistry at McGill; *Eva Younge*, '30 (research in social service) and *Gwen Toby*, '26, also at McGill; *Syd Hobbs*, '28, "*Hank*" *Scott*, '28, and *Bill Archibald*, '28, all finishing in medicine at McGill; *Alan Galbraith*, '28 (A.M. '31, Harvard—P.G. in mathematics), and *John Cassels*, '24 (P.G. in Pol. Econ.), at Harvard—the addresses for the last two being 33 Conant Hall and 25B Shaler Lane, Cambridge, Mass.

In closing, *Reg* remarks that his sister *Dorothy*, '29, is at present attending the Library School of the University of Washington at Seattle and that she expects to return to Edmonton in June. I think there is no doubt that *Reg* has qualified for admission to the "Inner Circle" of Trail contributors. We are very grateful to him.

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1927-1931

Away back in January, *R. L. Anderson*, '27, wrote in from Smoky Lake saying that he and Mrs. *Anderson* (nee Myrtle Morrow), '25, would like to vote for continuing the Trail—and backing their vote soundly! Part of *Roy's* news will be found under another heading, but he had seen *Bob Hollies*, '20, '21, now resident in Calgary (425 19 Ave. N.W.), and engaged by that city on their dam construction and new water supply from the Elbow River. Of *Fred Irwin*, '27, I learn that he is now chief chemist for the Imperial Oil Co., at Sarnia, Ontario, and that—but I must not anticipate! The following addresses were sent in by Dr. *A. O. Sproule* and are gratefully acknowledged: *Donald O. Sproule*, '28, '29, The Royal Institution, 21 Albermarle St., London W. 1, England; *Dorothy A. Sproule*, '30, St. Columbia House, 2365 Grande Trunk St., Montreal; *John C. Sproule*, '30, M.A. (Toronto), '31, 323 Brunswick Ave., Toronto. "*Don Bee*" *Mackenzie*, '28, '30, sprang immediately to support "the only magazine that was ever willing to publish my contributions—so we couldn't let it die!" I'm sorry to report that *Don* lost severely in a fire at St. Paul; escaping as he says "without a shoe to my back, but thankful that I have a back." *Bea Williams*, '28, who teaches in Edmonton and resides at 10824 83 Ave., supplies two items for Vital Stats and adds that *Helen Sorenson*, '30, is teaching at Naco, Alberta. According to *Charlie Hosford*, *Gladys Smith*, '28, is now to be addressed at 1325 W. 15 Ave., Vancouver. I suspect that she is still much interested in music. *C. A. Lavery*, '28, bobs up again, this time at 1194 St. Matthew St., Montreal. He says, "Have not seen any U. of A. grads recently, but understand we are due for a branch meeting soon. . . . Had a note from *W. I. McFarland*, '29; he is still busy on electrical work on the Beauharnois development. For myself, I am a bit of a runabout recently, and travel over Quebec, N.B. and N.S. doing electrical inspections of all sorts of electrical equipment for an insurance company." *W. S. Whittaker*, '28, of Coal Valley, Alberta, indicates that he's a real miner—there'll be no "cave-in" of the Trail if he can prevent it by continuous propping!

There are a few notes about Class '29. I ran into *Jack Bocock* in the hall in January and was told that St. Albert is his present address. *T. B. Major* is on the administrative staff at the University Hospital, while *John R. Murray* appears to be practising at Sedgewick, Alberta. *George Field* enjoys the Trail and hopes (expressively) that we can have a regular issue again—hope this will serve as a temporary substitute. His address: 45B Bertrand St., Ottawa. *Herb Morris*, who has been doing natural gas research here, has landed an appointment in the lab at Calgary where similar work is being done.

Florence Millen, '30, who has been teaching in the high school at Rainier, Alberta, since September, 1930, hopes that her observations will be of interest (they are, undoubtedly): "I saw *Irene Grant*, '31, returning to Didsbury H.S. after Christmas vacation. I heard that *Will*

McDannold, '30, '31, of Delia, newly married, was visiting friends and relatives at Delburne; and had a letter from *Eva Younge*, '30, who is doing P.G. work at McGill. Eva likes the place, but finds co-ed life there considerably different from the U. of A." *Janet Wells*, '30, who is teaching at Hay Lakes (address Camrose), left a couple of very useful greenbacks in the office recently—I was sorry not to have seen her. *Herb Surplis*, '30, dramatic editor of the Calgary Herald, "covered" the festival held in Convocation Hall in February, and spoke in his usual vein about the thrills of a different talkie every day! *Lionel Tellier*, '30, is now a full-fledged barrister of the province of Alberta, having recently been admitted by Justice *Boyle*. He is practising at Falher in the Peace River district.

I have saved an interesting note from *Hugh Morrison*, '30, Merton College, Oxford, for the finale: "I should like to vote to keep the Trail alive. Even to a new alumnus it fills a gap when he is far removed in distance and environment from the University of Alberta. He naturally soon loses touch with The Gateway, and The Trail is the looked-for substitute. I do hope you can keep it going. The two other Albertans (or, as they would probably term them over here, 'old Albertaensians') seem to be thriving. *Stanley* ('29) seems to have gone into seclusion, which is necessary for a B.Litt. in one year. The only place I've run across him this year is Blackwell's Book Store. *Conibear* ('31) is rowing, and occasionally turns out to practise against the Varsity hockey team as a member of the Oxford 'Cosmopolitans.' Ice-hockey (the prefix is essential here) has become tremendously popular in England in the last year. It is most popular in Oxford, where we get crowds of three or four thousand at our new rink here. We are undefeated champions of the newly-formed English league. The regular team is pretty good, but when the 'Isis' rates it as 'one of the best teams in the world—don't forget a grain of salt!"

And so to press, hoping to hear from many of those not mentioned above.—GEOFF.

ODDS AND ENDS

As a result of a mail vote of the members in good standing the constitution of the Association has been amended to provide for a nominating committee, comprising the immediate past president, the president, first vice-president, and secretary, and one member-at-large. The report of the committee recommending one member for each office on the Council goes to all members in good standing in March; and unless further nominations are made by these members by March 25, the slate is automatically elected. For the coming year, 1932-33, the Council will consist of the following:

President: H. A. Dyde, '16.

First Vice-President: Mrs. N. Stover (nee Vera Lee), '19.

Second Vice-President: G. J. Bryan, '23, '25.

Third Vice-President: Miss E. P. Young, '30.

Secretary: G. B. Taylor, '23, '25.

Treasurer: J. R. Drysdale, '12.

who will hold office from July 1, 1932, to June 30, 1933.

Another amendment provides for the holding of the annual meeting in June, which avoids the hectic rush of pre-Convocation weeks, and enables us to study a final financial report.

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Things are stirring in the ranks of class '12. Twenty years ago these pioneers graduated, and that kind of an anniversary is not to be lightly considered. Just watch them this spring!

The only other class that is "moving", as far as I know, is '27. What about '17 and '22? If anything is desired in the way of a special table at the dinner, or by way of addresses of members, the secretary is at your service.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

- ANDERSON—At Smoky Lake, Alberta, October 18, 1931, to Dr. ('27) and Mrs. R. L. Anderson (nee Mertle Morrow), '25, a son Terence Roy.
- CONQUEST—At Edmonton, February 5, 1932, to Mr. ('27) and Mrs. George Conquest, a son, Ralph Kendall.
- FORTUNE—At Calgary, August 26, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fortune (nee Norah Begg), '28, a son, Arthur.
- FROMAN—At Macdonald College, Quebec, March 11, 1932, to Dr. ('26, '27) and Mrs. D. K. Froman (nee Ethel Norris), '29, a daughter, Kay Joyce.
- HARPER—At Claresholm, Alberta, September, 1931, to Mr. ('28) and Mrs. W. J. Harper (nee Effie Slonaker), '28, a daughter, Marjorie May.
- LAVERTY—At Edmonton, January 3, 1932, to Mr. ('26) and Mrs. C. M. Lavery (of Lacombe, Alberta), a son.
- McGACHIE—At Calgary, February 29, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGachie (nee Phyllis Osborne), '27, a son.
- MORRIS—At Trail, B.C., February, 1932, to Mr. ('28) and Mrs. D. D. Morris, a son, Patrick Arthur.
- MUDIMAN—At Manyberries, Alberta, November 19, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mudiman (nee Freda Smith), '26, a daughter, Charlotte Anne.

MARRIAGES

- DANE—MILLER—At Blackfalds, Alberta, December 30, 1931, Annie Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Miller, of Blackfalds, to Kenneth Lee, '31, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dane, of Bentley, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Dane are residing at Cadomin, Alberta.
- GEDDES—OKE—At Edmonton, February 20, 1932, Olive Egerton Amy, '31, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Oke, of Edmonton, to Alvin Brooks, son of the late Malcen D. and Mrs. Geddes, of Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. Geddes are residing in Calgary.

GRINDLEY—CHARD—At Edmonton, January 6, 1932, Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chard, of Edmonton, to Thomas William, '24, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Grindley, of Edmonton. Dr. and Mrs. Grindley are residing in Ottawa.

MOFFATT—YOUNG—At High River, Alberta, February 13, 1932, Dorothy Selfridge, '27, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Young, of High River, to Dr. Clarence Donald Moffatt.

NICOL—CALDWELL—At Edmonton, December 25, 1931, Mary Ellen, '29, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Caldwell, of Edmonton, to David, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nicol, of Drumheller. Mr. and Mrs. Nicol are residing in Edmonton.

UGDEN—HOPPS—At Calgary, January 16, 1932, Claris Edna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hopps, of Calgary, to Fred Harry Ougden, '30. Mr. and Mrs. Ougden are residing in Calgary (8 Sandringham Apts.).

RAWLINSON—McMILLAN—At Edmonton, December 24, 1931, Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McMillan, of Edmonton, to Herbert Edward Rawlinson, '27. Dr. and Mrs. Rawlinson are residing in Montreal.

WERTHENBACH—HUBBS—At Hoosier, Saskatchewan, December 28, 1931, Grace Jean, R.N. (Univ. Hospital), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Peebles, of Hoosier, to Frederick, '30, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Werthenbach, of Hoosier. Dr. and Mrs. Werthenbach are residing in Vancouver.

BRYAN—MUNRO—At Medicine Hat, April 2, 1932, Bessie Jean, '29, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Munro, of Medicine Hat, to George James Bryan, '23, '25. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan will reside at Stony Plain, Alberta.

DEATHS

MOSS—At Chula Vista, California, July, 1930, Raleigh Walter Moss, '23.

YOUNG—At Edmonton, January 20, 1932, Margaret Irene Young, '24.

ATTENTION

EDMONTON AND DISTRICT ALUMNI!

The Annual Dinner of the Association

in honor of the graduating class will be held in Athabaska Hall

at 7:00 p.m.

on Thursday, May 12, 1932

Tickets (expected cost \$1.25) will be obtainable at the bookstore or from members of the Council, viz.: Miss Diller, Dr. George Misener, Messrs. McColl, Clark, Kellam and Taylor.

You are urgently invited to assist the Council by attending the dinner.